MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

33. In view of the importance of the schemes implemented under the Revenue Administration, including land reforms, it is recommended that the Govt. of India may take up with the Planning Commission that the schemes under the SRA&ULR may be included in the Plan schemes during the Ninth Plan. This is suggested in view of the fact that at present provisions for these schemes are included under the Non-Plan, which States are finding it difficult to raise in their respective budgets.

34. All the States fully endorse the need for having a comprehensive National Rehabilitation Policy and the same should be evolved at the earliest.

35. The Governments of the States and UTs shall gear up revenue machineries for utilisation of outstanding balances including the funds released during the current financial year under SRA&ULR and Computerisation of Land Records. Both the physical and financial achievements under the aforesaid two schemes during the Eighth Plan Period including the current year may kindly be sent by the end of May, 1997.

36. The Govts. of the States and UTs may sent their Ninth Plan proposals relating to land reform activities including programmes and schemes to be taken up under SRA&ULR and Computerisation of Land Records alongwith financial break up under the aforesaid schemes year-wise for Ninth Plan Period. The State proposals for the Ninth Plan Period should reach to this Ministry within a fortnight.

37. The Conference observes that there is urgent need of technical review and necessary corrective measures as regards to software used for computerisation of land records. To improve upon the utility of the existing programme of computerisation of land records, greater interaction with NIC and the States/UTs is absolutely essential.

38. The recommendations of the National Level Conference organised by Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration at NIRD, Hyderabad on 18th and 19th January, 1997 on "Land Reforms: Agenda for the Ninth Five Year Plan" will be duly examined by the States for giving final shape to their Ninth Five Year Plan proposals on land reforms including preparation of schemes/proposals under SRA&ULR and Computerisation of Land Records.

Employment Opportunities for Rural Landless in Bihar

698. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme is a part of the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any targets for creating employment opportunities for the rural landless in Bihar were fixed during the last two years;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether those targets were achieved; and

(f) if not, the remedial measures Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VERMA): (a) and (b) The Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme was merged into a Rural Employment Programme known as Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) w.e.f. 1.1.1989.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) to (f) The target fixed and achievements made under JRY (including Million Wells Scheme (MWS), Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) and Intensified (JRY) during the last two years in Bihar State are as follows:—

(in lakh mandays)

Year	Target	Achievements	%age Achievement
1994-95	1340.30	986.58	74
1995-96	1245.86	1197.03	96

Petrol from Herbs

699. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the latest reports about Shri Pillai's experiment about producing petrol from herbs;

(b) whether the Scientific Community has accepted the claim;

(c) whether the departments of Government have damnified his claim; and

(d) whether the Government has anything to say more about this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) to (d) The Department related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Enviroment and Forests witnessed a demonstration of "Herbal Fuel" by Shri P. Ramar at the Indian Institute of Petroleum on 15th November, 1996. The Report of the Committee was laid on the Table of the House. From the findings of the scientists conducting the experiment at the Indian Institute of Petroleum, the Committee concluded that the expectations of finding an indigenous and economical solution to the energy crisis has been belied for a while. The Government has nothing more to say about the matter.

System for Recruiting Scientists in CSIR

700. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND: DR. RANBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been requested to abolish the existing contractual system of recruiting scientists in the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the justification therefor;

(c) whether Government have taken any action on this request; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. YOGENDER K. ALAGH): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) to (d) From 1st April, 1988 Govt. of India effected confirmation of employees immediately on completion of probationary period irrespective of availability of post. Scientists in CSIR have been demanding benefit of this decision while requesting scrapping of the contractual recruitment. Governing Body of CSIR took up for consideration this request of Scientific Workers in Jan., 1992 and decided that the system of contract appointments should continue since it bears an element of flexibility which is to the advantage of both, the scientists as well as CSIR and it encourages healthy mobility of scientists within R&D institutions of the country. If contractual appointment were to be